



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Parks and Recreation

At its meeting held July 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Recently, the Department of Parks and Recreation implemented a new method for operating the swim beach area at Castaic Lake. A fence was installed to restrict access to the swim beach area to paying customers only. On July 11, 2004, there was a tragic accident where a twelve year old boy drowned. The boy had entered the swim beach area without being accompanied by an adult.

“While the County of Los Angeles and the Department of Parks and Recreation have restored the lake lifeguard services at Castaic Lake to ensure the safety of all visitors, it is important that following a drowning incident, we reevaluate the current procedures and if necessary, take appropriate corrective actions to prevent this from happening in the future.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Director of Parks and Recreation to take the following actions as a result of the recent drowning of a twelve year old boy at Castaic Lake:

1. Review the current procedures and practices for swim beach and boat patrol lake lifeguards' services;
2. Review the effectiveness of the newly installed fence surrounding the swim beach area at Castaic Lake;

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3. Make any necessary recommendations for improvements in policies, procedures, practices, or internal controls to maximize safe swimming and boating areas for public use; and
4. Report back to the Board with findings and recommendations within two weeks.

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